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SUBJECT: SAHEL ASSISTANCE - EX COTONOU SUPPLIES FOR GAO

1. OSRO/DABELL ADVISES. QUOTE. IN ORDER TO SELECT MOST ADVANTAGEOUS BASE FOR POSSIBLE DANISH LOGISTICS OFFICER IN NIGER WITH SOLE JOB TO HELP EXPEDITE SUPPLIES FOR GAO TRANSITTING NIGER, SORO WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR COMMENTS OR CLARIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING.

2. OUR ASSUMPTION IS THAT 25 TON PLUS VEHICLES CANNOT DELIVER GAO DIRECT EX COTONOU BUT MUST BE RELOADED ONTO SMALLER TRUCKS AT TRANSIT POINTS. WE ASSUME IT DESIRABLE BOTH NIAMEY AND AYORU BE USED AS TRANSIT POINTS IN ORDER REDUCE CONGESTION BOTH POINTS.

3. IF ASSUMPTIONS CORRECT, PLEASE INFORM U.S. ESTIMATED STORAGE CAPACITY SIZE LORRIES AND TONNAGE DISCHARGING AND ARRIVING EACH POINT ENROUTE GAO.

4. ASSUME YOU OBTAINING CONCURRENCE OF GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED ON USING NIGER ROUTE AND WILL INFORM US WHEN AGREEMENT REACHED.
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